

American Federation of Astrologers Professional Exam Guidelines

The American Federation of Astrologers continues to emphasize excellence in astrology and astrological practice and methods by certifying astrologers who pass its rigorous exams. These exams were established to set a high standard in astrology, and that tradition continues today.

Note: A passing grade on the AFA Advanced Exam is a prerequisite for taking the Professional Exam.

Candidates who successfully demonstrate their knowledge on the Professional Exam are among the most qualified astrologers in the world. Thus, the bar is high for this exam, and requires extensive astrological knowledge and experience.

Specifically, the Professional Exam requires knowledge and expertise in the following:

- Calculate the natal chart to within 5' of arc for planetary positions, house cusps, and declinations.
- Interpretation of natal, secondary progressed and transit charts.
- Interpretation of major fixed stars and asteroids
- Derivative houses.
- Interpretation of a horary chart.
- Rectification of the birth chart.
- Interpretation of the diurnal chart.
- Astrological midpoints.
- Interpretation of the composite chart.
- Interpretation of the mundane chart.

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Suggested Reading List for AFA Professional Exam

This list is not intended to be all-inclusive, but a starting point. Books about natal and predictive astrology are not included on this list as candidates for the professional exam will have already demonstrated their knowledge of these areas when taking the AFA Advanced Exam. There are many astrology books available that cover the other subject areas included in the AFA Professional Exam. Most of the books listed below are available from the AFA Astrology Shop at www.astrologers.com.

Chart Calculation

The Math of Astrology by Peter Murphy and Beth Rosato

Astrology Math Made Easy by Kevin Burk

The Only Way to Learn Astrology Vol. 2, Math & Interpretation Techniques by March & McEvers

Pathway to 21st Century: Practical Guide to Astrology by Pamela Rowe (midpoint calculation)

Fixed Stars

Fixed Stars and Constellations in Astrology by Vivian Robson

Brady's Book of Fixed Stars by Bernadette Brady

Derivative Houses

From One House to Another by Sophia Mason

Midpoints

Midpoints by Don McBroom

Midpoints: Unleashing the Power of the Planets by Michael Munkasey

The Combination of Stellar Influences by Reinhold Ebertin

Solar Returns

The Art of Forecasting Using Solar Returns by Anthony Louis

Solar Returns in Your Face by Marc Penfield

Your Solar Return by Cynthia Bohannon

Horary Astrology

Horary Astrology Plain and Simple by Anthony Louis

Case Studies in Horary Astrology by Joan Titsworth Marstellar

Horary Astrology by W.J. Simmonite

Modern Horary Astrology by Doris Chase Doane

Rectification

The Complete Book of Rectification by Carol Tebbs

Progressions Directions and Rectification by Zipporah Dobyns

The Best of Charles Jayne by Charles Jayne

Diurnal Charts

Art of Forecasting Using Diurnal Charts by Sophia Mason

Asteroids

Asteroids Interpreted by Dave Campbell

Asteroid Goddesses by Demetra George

Uranian Astrology

Rules of Planetary Pictures by Witte-Lefeldt

Dial Detective by Maria Kay Simms

Mundane Astrology

Horoscopes of the USA and Canada, 2nd Edition. By Marc H. Penfield

Mundane Astrology by C.E.O. Carter